

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO BARBADOS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to pay tribute to the government and people of Barbados who are celebrating the 34th anniversary of their country's independence. Barbados is a country of limited size, and resources that has exerted a gigantic influence in the Caribbean and in the rest of the world.

It is the longest settled British colony in the Caribbean, originating with the English settlement at Holetown in 1627 and culminating with the attainment of independence on November 30, 1966. Its modern political history started with the civil disturbances of 1937, which led to the formation of the Barbados Labor Party. It is a vibrant two party democratic state, in which political power has alternated between the two dominant parties—the Barbados Labor Party and the Democratic Labor Party.

Barbadians have a long history of international migration, and have exerted a profound influence on the political culture of other nations, particularly the United States, Prince Hall, the father of the Black Masonic movement in the United States was born in Barbados in 1748. David Straker, Dean at Allen University in South Carolina, and one of the founding fathers of the NAACP was born in Barbados in 1842. Other Barbadians who have influenced the political culture of the United States were Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm, Supreme Court Justice Thomas Russell Jones and Ruth Goering, prominent district leader in Brooklyn.

Barbadians have also played a pivotal role in regional migration in the Caribbean. They migrated in large numbers to Guyana, where they became the teachers, police officers, civil servants, and trade unionists in that nation. They also migrated in large numbers to the Panama Canal Zone and constituted the labor force that helped build the seventh wonder of the world—the Panama Canal.

Today Barbados has emerged as one of the most stable and vibrant economies in the Caribbean. It has perhaps the best-trained civil service in the English speaking Caribbean, the most disciplined labor force, the lowest crime rate, and the highest literacy rate. Its economy has moved from a monoculture based in sugar to a more diversified service oriented economy based in tourism, insurance, offshore banking, and informational technology. While Barbados has been adversely affected by some of the recent restrictions on offshore financial centers imposed by developing countries such as the United States, independence has been an unadulterated blessing to this remarkable island nation, transforming it from a one crop economy to one of the flagship nations in the English speaking Caribbean.

THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF NANCY AND GEORGE KARVELLIS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Nancy and George Karvellis will celebrate their 13th Anniversary on November 18th, 2000;

Whereas, Nancy and George declared their love in a ceremony before God, family and friends;

Whereas, 2000 will mark 13 years of sharing, loving, and working together;

Whereas, may Nancy and George be blessed with all the happiness and love that two can share and may their love grow with each passing year;

Whereas, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Karvellis' on their 13th anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing this special couple many more years of happiness together.

HONORING DR. DAVID K. WINTER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to the attention of my colleagues the outstanding work of Dr. David K. Winter. On Sunday, December 3, David received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Anti-Defamation League. As someone who has worked closely with the ADL in its efforts to promote tolerance and combat hatred and prejudice, I am pleased that this prominent organization has chosen to honor David.

David has served as president of Westmont College in Santa Barbara for the past 24 years. As president, he has given his leadership to a number of organizations within American higher education. He has served on the boards of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, where he served as the board's director for 3 years. In a survey of higher education officials and scholars who study the college presidency, David is one of the 100 most effective college leaders in the United States.

During his presidency, David has provided leadership in connecting Westmont College to the local community. He is very active in local organizations, serving as the director of the Montecito Association, the Montecito Rotary Club, the Channel City Club, the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, and St. Vincent's school. He has also chaired the board of the Salvation Army Hospitality House, the Santa Barbara Industry Education Council, and the Santa Barbara County United Way Campaign, and served as vice chair of the Cottage Hospital board of directors.

Among the many awards and honors that David has received are the Santa Barbara Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 1998 "Twelve Men of Distinction," the Santa Barbara News-Press 1998 Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 1999 he was honored by the John Templeton Foundation as one of the 50 college presidents who have exercised leadership in character development.

David is a frequent contributor to journals and speaker on the topic of the educational experience of undergraduate students, and issues of diversity and multiculturalism. I believe that David's service to his community is an example for our nation, and I am proud of his accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF OHIO STATE SENATOR ROBERT R. CUPP FOR HIS SERVICE TO OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize an extraordinary member of the Ohio Senate and his outstanding contribution and dedication to the State of Ohio Senator Robert R. Cupp currently serves as President Pro Tempore, representing the 12th Senate District.

In Senator Cupp's 16 years of service to the State of Ohio, he has focused on a variety of important issues such as education, campaign finance and workers' compensation. In the area of education, Senator Cupp has been appointed to several commissions and boards for the purpose of looking specifically at the funding and success of Ohio's schools. Most notably, he served as Chairman of the Gillmor Commission on School Funding, a bipartisan committee that I initiated to improve the way by which Ohio funds its schools. Additionally, he sponsored legislation that expedites construction and repair of school facilities by streamlining the funding process and remove certain disincentives to school districts proceeding with their own funds. In the area of campaign finance reform, Senator Cupp has been a leader, introducing legislation that fundamentally changed campaign finance in Ohio. His legislation not only set limits on the amount of campaign contributions by individuals and groups, but also included stricter reporting requirements to track contributions. Finally, he has worked tirelessly to reform the workers' compensation system. Senator Cupp was instrumental in the passage of a law that creates a more efficient system for both injured workers and the employers. Some of the reforms include controlling health care costs, coordinating and capping benefits, protecting employers from frivolous lawsuits, as well as eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse in the workers' compensation system.

Senator Cupp's awards and recognitions are numerous. He is a four-time recipient of the

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